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Dear Prof. Lederberg:

Your letter arrived in Madison just after I had left there and I am, sorry that I have not been able to answer earlier.

Arthur Kornberg asked Charles Dekker and myself earlier in the year about Dave Rammler and I can add very little to what you have probably already learnt from Arthur. Rammler is essentially an organic chemist, very hard working and devoted.

He does tend to be somewhat of an individualist in the lab. but would fit along fairly well with others in the lab. My main qualification of recommendation is that Rammler still suffers from the difficulty of expressing himself coherently in writing and speech and I am afraid even in thinking straight sometimes. I hope that given an independent position and when faced with the challenge of developing his own research, he will improve.

I have not been able to ascertain as yet from Rammler whether joining a predominantly biological group would appeal to him. It is my feeling that he might be happier in a Chemistry department.

I am sorry that I cannot be much more definite than this but that these remarks could be helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Italo Calvino